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March 13, 2015

Mr. Ron Curry  
Regional Administrator (6-RA)  
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1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
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Re: Tulane National Primate Research Center (TNPRC) Incident  
(Reference previous letter dated February 20, 2015 – copy attached)

Dear Mr. Curry:

Please consider this email my official request on behalf of the State of Louisiana to have appropriate representatives from your agency continue to participate and assist in activities related to the Tulane National Primate Research Center (TNPRC) investigation as previously detailed in my email to you dated February 20, 2015, including but not limited to:

- Working with TNPRC, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Center for Disease Control (CD), and other local, state and federal agencies involved in the response to this incident, in developing and coordinating **short term and long term environmental monitoring plans** for possible contamination of the environment with *Burkholderia pseudomallei* (Bp), both on and off the TNPRC site, by sampling of air, water, soil, or by whatever other means your agency, in coordination with other agencies, deems appropriate.
- In furtherance of the efforts listed above, to coordinate and lead conference calls among TNPRC, and other federal, state and local agencies that have created a "Science Working Group" to develop short term and long term environmental monitoring plans, decontamination plans, remediation plans, and other action plans in the event test results come back positive for Bp.
- Attendance by an appropriate representative from your agency at a town hall meeting in St. Tammany Parish on March 31, 2015 at 6:00pm, in conjunction with TNPRC and other federal, state and local agencies, to address and answer questions from the public concerning your agency's participation in the response to this incident.

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- Continued representation and participation by your agency in the regular activities of the Unified Command as this incident evolves, and until such time as the Unified Command determines such assistance from your agency is no longer needed on a regular (daily) basis.

Effective planning and response are essential to our joint responsibility to protect the health and safety of our citizens. We appreciate your agency's ongoing assistance in achieving these objective through our unified response to this incident.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (225) 925-7345 or by email at [Kevin.Davis@la.gov](mailto:Kevin.Davis@la.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Davis". The signature is stylized with a large "K" and a cursive "Davis".

Kevin Davis,

cc: RADM Scott Deitchman, CDC (Unified Commander)  
Dr. Jimmy Guidry, DHH (Unified Commander)  
Mr. Dexter Accardo, St. Tammany Parish OHSEP, (Unified Commander)  
Mr. John Martin, EPA  
Mr. Chris Petersen, EPC